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SUBJ: NEW CAPITAL; ENGINEERING CHIEF

REF: STATE 83855

- 1. IN LETTER DATED JUNE 6 FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) REQUESTS QUOTE: WASHINGTON TO SEND US THE NAMES AND CURRICULUM VITAES OF TWO OR THREE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR (DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES) AS ADVERTISED. UNQUOTE. LETTER ADDED THAT CDA STAFF AND ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEEE HAS SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS JULY 4-8 LONDON (CHURCHILL HOTEL.) CANDIDATES DEEMED SUITABLE AND INTERESTED SHOULD BE PREPARED ATTEND LONDON INTERVIEW AT CDA EXPENSE.
- 2. AFTER DELAY CAUSED BY CDA OFFICIALS VISIT TO KADUNA, EMBOFF TODAY OBTAINED FROM EBONG ORAL CLARIFICATION THAT SALARY IS NEGOTIABLE AND ANY CASE NOT REPEAT NOT LESS THAN NAIRA 20,000 (DOLS 30,600) PLUS HOUSING AND USUAL PERKS. SALRY FREE OF NIGERIAN TAX. WHEN EMBOFF NOTED SALARY ADVERTISED OVERSEAS (WALL STREET JOURNAL, ETC.). EBONG SAID HE UNTILIZING OPEC PROGRAM FOR ENGINEERING POSITION.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF ANYONE OTHER THAN EBONG ASKING, EMBASSY WOULD CONSIDER THIS INSUFFICIENT TO INITIATE RECRUITING BUT WE HAVE IN FREQUENT DEALINGS PAST YEAR FOUND HIM HIGHLY COMPETENT AND COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHO, BECAUSE STAFF VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT, MUST OFTEN RESORT INFORMAL METHODS. SEE NO RISK IN INITIATING SCREENING ON ABOVE BASIS. THEREFORE REQUEST TRANSCENTURY IDENTIFY TWO OR THREE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED CANDIDATES AND

DEPARTMENT CABLE BIO AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CL	DA.
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